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Identical letters dated 23 January 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 23 January 2001 from Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, confirming Iraq's request for the allocation of 100 million euros from its funds to assist poor United States citizens, the vast majority of whom live below the poverty line, obtain their daily sustenance from refuse and garbage bags and live out in the open air, at best in cardboard boxes.

In his letter, the Minister for Foreign Affairs requests you and the Security Council to make every effort to have the Iraqi initiative approved.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammed **Al-Humaimidi**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 23 January 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

I wish to refer to my letter dated 16 January 2001 addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (S/2001/54), in which I officially informed him of the decision taken by the Government of the Republic of Iraq, on purely humanitarian grounds, to allocate 100 million euros from the Iraqi funds in the Iraq account at the United Nations to assist poor United States citizens, the vast majority of whom live below the poverty line, obtain their daily sustenance from refuse and garbage bags and live out in the open air, at best in cardboard boxes. No just person of conscience can fail to feel sympathy for the suffering of these wretched, homeless citizens of the United States of America.

We hereby confirm the official request addressed by the Government of the Republic of Iraq to you and the Security Council to make every effort to have this Iraqi humanitarian initiative approved as soon as possible and to notify us in order that we may, in consultation and coordination with the United Nations, set about devising the best means of expediting this humanitarian assistance to poor citizens of the United States of America.

I request you to have this letter circulated to Council members.

(*Signed*) Mohammed Said **Al-Sahaf**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq